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For: POSITIVE ELECTRODE ACTIVE MATERIAL FOR SECONDARY BATTERY,
POSITIVE ELECTRODE FOR SECONDARY BATTERY, SECONDARY BATTERY,
AND PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURING POSITIVE ELECTRODE ACTIVE
MATERIAL FOR SECONDARY BATTERY

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- 3) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2004-139743 published May 13, 2004; with English abstract.
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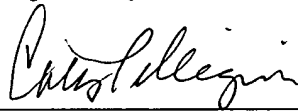
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